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## News Summary.

Sign.—A Revolutionary performance by anarchists in Paris. Jews in maltreated.—Edmond Labouret and author dead.—Czar dead peacefully.—War likely between France and China. English team getting their guns ready.—Pope Leo by the ears.—Daniel Fagan, Phoenix Park murderer, dead.—Pope not popular.—Peter's proof very paltry at present.—And Carolina give reception at Moscow. A trifle easier in mind.—Volcanoes and earthquakes being about equally frequent in the Americas.—Riot in St. Petersburg.—Bismarck better.—Foreigners as scarce as bald man's hair.—Domestic.—Presbyterian General Assembly opposes higher criticism.—Star trial and Col. Ingersoll still pending.—Brooklyn bridge heavily patronized.—Large number of iron furnaces Pennsylvania shutting down.—Mysterious poisoning of six persons in Paterson.—Execution of lease of C. R. R. N. J. to Reading R. R. restrained by injunction.—Parade and dinner of "wheelmen"—otherwise bicyclists, at Central Park. Fine display and thousands in line.—P. R. R. and C. R. R. N. J. terminate their Long Branch contracts.—Each to act separately hereafter.—Sullivan, pugilist, secured as teacher for Metropolitan B. C. at Polo Grounds. Even pitchers sometimes get badly broken up.—Large advance in wheat at Chicago.—Strikes in Pennsylvania and Illinois.—Siberian blood-bounds have a free fight on the stage of Haverly's Theater, Brooklyn.—Terrible crash and loss of life on Brooklyn bridge: thieves, bad police arrangements and imperfect construction of footway, the causes. Twelve dead and many trampled and injured.—Another smash on D. L. & W. R. R.—passenger and freight—at Hackensack meadows.—Decorations Day widely observed.—Summer resorts slowly unfolding: Manhattan Beach begins.—Large fire at Lynchburg, Va.—But Mahone not extinguished when it was.—Hanlan beats Kennedy at the oar; and Yale defeats Princeton at the bat.—Yacht season opens.—Governor Benjamin Butler: he gets from Harvard no degree, not even the snuff of an LL.D.; fifteen to eleven they ruin him.—"Dr. Monck, the blasphemous healer, indicted for back salary of clerk. Heavy paws placed on Dr. Monck.

## About Town.

Rev. S. W. Duffield is to present a flag to Post Pierson at Weaver's Grove, June 13. This flag is the gift of the ladies of Bloomfield.  
Thomas B. Baxter has rented the Augustus Baldwin property on Broad St. to Mr. George Becker, of New York.  
On Decoration Day, the Bloomfield Base Ball Club defeated the Watessings by 15 to 11—just the vote that lost Ben Butler his LL.D. at Harvard.  
A number of the school children are sick with measles.  
Broom Drill brisk; get your places for the first set.  
For "urgency" commend us to the small boy. One of them knocked at the door of a village grocer the other morning, while the kitchen girl was raking the fire preparatory to breakfast. He wanted to go into the store, and would wait. The good man pulled on his clothes and hurried down, to be met at the door with the demand, "Please, sir, I want to get a penny's worth of fish-hooks."  
The commencement exercises of the graduating class in the High School will be held in the first Presbyterian Church, probably on Friday evening, June 27. The programme will consist of music, orations, and the distribution of diplomas.  
The District Clerk has completed the work of taking the census of school children. There are in the Central Union District 1,545 children between the ages of five and eighteen. Of these, it is estimated that 312 attend private schools, and 310 attend no school, leaving 923 who are availing themselves more or less earnestly of school privileges. The present school buildings will seat comfortably about 1,050 scholars.  
Last Monday evening, as a half-dozen gentlemen were wending their way home, each fully impressed with the great responsibility resting on his shoulders, incident to his having signed the by-laws of the Fire Association, they saw a lurid glare light up the trees and roofs of houses several blocks distant. With one impulse they all dashed round a corner in the direction of the fire. Some moments later they were met in a somewhat blown condition, and on being interrogated as to their lack of breath, stated that it was decidedly a wrong state of affairs that the rising moon should play such a prank on old firemen.

The members of the Fire Association are requested to sign the by-laws and pay the initiation fee as soon as possible. The by-laws may be found at the house of the Secretary, Mr. Tower, on Lincoln Street, near Ridgwood Avenue.

"The Star Spangled Banner forever shall wave." The town of Bloomfield owns a flag, and in the Park stands a handsome pole upon which to raise the flag; on Washington's birthday the banner was conspicuously by its absence; on Decoration Day "our flag was still there"—in Mr. Wm. Cadmus's house, where it is usually kept. If the Town Committee cannot attend to this matter properly, some responsible individual should be selected to hang it (the flag not the Committee) on all proper occasions.

Decorations (or Memorial) Day was, in the matter of weather, about all that could be desired; true it rained a trifle about 2 o'clock, but that didn't discourage our Methodist friends, who started out with band playing and umbrellas flying, and from all accounts their lawn party was a complete success.

The same little shower at one time bade fair to spoil the sport of a small but select party of tennis players who had met at Mr. John H. Chambers' to open the season, but the hot sun soon dried the grass again and play was resumed with unabated enthusiasm.

Another little party started about 9 o'clock to go to Hackensack on horseback; they report that the rain which missed Bloomfield, effectually laid the dust in Hackensack.

The "wheelmen" of Bloomfield also turned out in force for a ride through Orange. We heard of no accidents except one. C. B. took a header as he came down Bloomfield Avenue; his tire came off.

Mr. G. Lee Stout and family are again occupying their summer residence on Franklin Street.  
At a dinner in Bloomfield the other night we heard the following story, whose truth we vouch for. A certain old Scotch Presbyterian minister, whose "long prayer" occupied about half an hour, had an exceedingly mischievous son; to keep the boy quiet he was sometimes taken into the pulpit with his father, but the remedy did not always produce the desired result, for on one occasion, after his father had got fairly started with the prayer, the boy calmly arose and announced that "While the prayer is going on, the congregation will sing the 119th psalm."

Some twenty or twenty-five disappointed veterans sat looking at the pulpit in Westminster Church on Sunday evening. It had been announced in the *Montclair Times* and the *Newark Sunday Call* that Rev. Mr. Duffield would preach a sermon appropriate to Decoration Day. This was not at all the case—and so little foundation did it have in fact, that Mr. Duffield had been previously announced in the *Citizen* to preach on the future state of the soul. Moral: You don't perhaps always get your reliable news from Newark or Montclair. Moral No. 2: Subscribe for the BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.

## The Seminary Lectures.

WASHINGTON IRVING.  
The lecture on Wednesday evening was upon Washington Irving, whose life was pleasantly sketched by Mr. Duffield. His characteristics of style were freely illustrated also to the apparent satisfaction of a good audience. The lecture next week is the closing one of the course. It is upon the "American Humors," and will be delivered on Friday evening, June 8, instead of June 6, as previously announced.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.  
If there were any persons present last week, Wednesday evening, at the Seminary lectures, who had, before that time, neither known nor admired Oliver Wendell Holmes, through his writings, and had been indifferent to the man in his various characteristics, they must have gone from the lecture with justly given impressions of a large-hearted and thoroughly manly character. They must have appreciated the intense individuality of "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," whose vein of humor was made to be everywhere apparent, and in whose poetry there is a pathos that never fails to give pleasure. These impressions are due, not only to the aptly selected extracts read by Mr. Duffield, but also to the lecture, which abounded with reminiscences gathered from various sources, not the least pleasing of which were those collected by the lecturer, while at the birth-place, college home, and present residence of Dr. Holmes.

## Bloomfield Fire Association.

A well attended meeting of the association was held on last Monday evening, at Willie's Hall. The election was continued, being open to all subscribers and members, each of whom had been requested by letter and an advertisement in this paper to exercise his right in voting for thirteen Trustees, to control the affairs of the association for the coming year. After the announcement of the result of the voting, the various officers called for by the By-laws were elected from among the Trustees. The officers elected are as follows: President, W. R. Weeks; Vice-President, A. R. Brewer; Treasurer, W. B. Chambers; Secretary, E. G. Power; Fire Marshal, A. J. Marsh; and for Trustees, the above officers being ex-officio members of the Board, John Sherman, J. H. Hardesty, G. S. Porter, W. L. Puffer, G. T. Moore, J. M. Bancroft, C. D. M. Peale, Thos. McGowan. The By-laws, which had been carefully prepared by a committee, were read and adopted. An amendment was offered by a member of the Town Committee, as follows: "That the township wherein the association shall do duty shall be represented on the Board of Trustees of the association to the extent of two

members of the Committee of that township." The amendment was laid on the table for the following reasons: That all members of the association at the annual meeting are free to vote for whom they may desire; that any obligation to vote for any man or men from among the number of any body would be unconstitutional and not in accordance with the By-laws; and that none but members can be elected to office. According to the By-laws, any or all members of the Township Committee may be elected as Trustees, if they are members of the association.

The Trustees were authorized to contract for apparatus, and the Fire Marshal was directed to form a truck company, its membership to be approved by the Board of Trustees. The fire limits as adopted are the limits of the township. The fire apparatus will consist of a hook and ladder truck, fully equipped, with seven ladders, four clew extra hand pumps, axes, pikes, hooks, buckets, etc., and a large force pump, with 200 feet hose, which can be removed from the truck to the nearest water supply, worked by four men, and throw a stream at least sixty feet.

Those familiar with the subject say that the truck will not be equaled by any in the State.

The truck company will be formed as early as possible, and begin to drill and perfect its organization, so as to be ready to receive its apparatus. The truck will take sixty to ninety days to build, and may be expected by or before the first of September. Its reception will probably be the occasion of a celebration by the company.

## More about the Proposed School Building.

To The Bloomfield Citizen:

Your issue of last week contained a communication signed E. A. B. upon the subject of the proposed school building, in which the writer, who is evidently a friend of our public schools and also of all our local interests, submits seven propositions, which are as follows:

1st. \$18,000 is too large a sum to be spent in one locality.  
2d. The locality is not a good one to accommodate the whole district.  
3d. It is neither central nor convenient for a large number of children.  
4th. The policy of grouping so many infant children is bad, morally and physically.  
5th. No primary teacher can properly instruct over twenty or twenty-five children, and it is better that the number should be under twenty for each.  
6th. The distance is so great from the average of the district that a large proportion of the children would necessarily be absent more than half of the time because of bad or warm weather.  
7th. The primary children would be worse off than in their present location, because necessarily deprived of the care and company of their older brothers and sisters.

A brief discussion of these propositions is invited and cannot do harm. We are by no means able to agree with our friend in his conclusions, nor indeed in all of his statements of facts. If we remember correctly, the meeting to which he refers as having authorized the expenditure of money for a new primary school building upon the Liberty St. lot, did not give any such authority, but, on the contrary, because of the small attendance, only directed the trustees to prepare such plans as they should themselves be willing to recommend, and then to call another meeting of the voters to consider the matter.

He also states that the determination to erect a primary school at Liberty St. was in direct opposition to the instructions of a previous meeting, which declared in favor of building a new school-house for general purposes at West End, and would leave it to be inferred that some injustice was being done by making such a change.

We think our friend cannot have been present at the meeting when the purchase of the Liberty St. lot was ordered, or if he was present he has overlooked and forgotten some of the transactions of that meeting.

In the first place the school trustees reported that they were not able to procure a lot for the purpose of erecting a public school building on any suitable street in West End, that the property owners with one accord declined to sell their land for that purpose, cranked such extravagant prices for the lots which the trustees looked at as to render the purchase of them impossible. They further reported that they were unanimously of the opinion that the building of a neighborhood school, or even of two such schools, would not relieve the main building to any appreciable extent and that what was really needed was the erection of a large primary school in a most central position, which should leave the present building to be used as an grammar school only.

This meeting was a large one, and the subject was freely discussed and the views of the trustees were, we believe, unanimously concurred in, and the trustees were directed to take measures to procure a lot located as above stated. The wisdom of that conclusion has not been publicly questioned so far as we know until the present time. The locality is more central than any other which has been mentioned. A line drawn in a circle having a radius of one mile, and taking the Randolph lot as a centre, will include more children of an age to attend public schools than if they were drawn at any other point where such a building could be put; we think it would puzzle our friend to suggest any other "locality" which would better accommodate the whole district and be more central or convenient for the large majority of the children.

It is the opinion of most persons who are engaged in the business of school teaching that the effect of grouping a large number of infant children is not bad, either intellectually, morally, or physically; but that the contrary is true. Certain it is that we never hear such objections urged against private schools or kindergartens. The poor view, "It is horrible," said Goudinet, "but at least he had the consolation of knowing that he was loved for himself."

With regard to the amount to be spent

of the number of children whom each teacher is able to care for, we at present say nothing, for the reason that those matters are still in the hands of the trustees. We wish only to say that it is absolutely necessary that the overcrowded condition of the present building be relieved as soon as possible, and that the course pursued by the trustees seems to be the only practicable means of securing such relief.

PEDAGOGUE.

With "Sophie Sparkle's" Compliments.

To The Bloomfield Citizen:  
In despite of its maligners New Jersey is an enterprising State—and here's prosperity and long life to its latest journalistic venture—the BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN—which starts off bravely with the early Springtime as bright and cheery as a robin, and as brimful of wit, wisdom, and news as is possible to be crowded between the columns of a village newspaper.

All success to the new endeavor!  
SOPHIE SPARKLE.  
Englewood, N. J., May 24, 1883.

Another Improvement.

To The Bloomfield Citizen:

The name of your paper suggests that you, like myself, have come to Bloomfield to stay. We are therefore equally interested in its improvement and growth. But as you well know, there are "improvers" and "improvements." Some with visions of an earthly paradise, would realize it at once or go—perhaps to Elizabeth. There are others who sleep—perchance they dream, like one of your contributors, in happy unconsciousness of the marching tide of progress which has overtaken neighboring towns and villages. Or, if they wake, turn with dread from the vision of impending assessments and taxes.

A third class of improvers are of the typical American type, and heaven forbid, Messieurs Editors, that you should be one of them, and make all your reforms on paper. Resolutions, speeches, feeble individual efforts, ending only in dismal failure, of these we have had enough. Now for a reasonable programme, a full discussion, and a determined effort which cannot fail. The details of such plan or plans we leave to you, with your able body of assistants, requesting only your attention to a simple matter which will not cost much, but which will, we think, ultimately be productive of much good. We refer to the opening of Broad Street, from the Presbyterian Church to Bay Avenue, according to the survey made some years ago, and now on file in the Court House at Newark. There are several reasons why this should be done.

The street itself is very crooked, winding like a black snake through the township, leaving many unsightly corners and joints which might easily be removed. This survey was intended partially to do just this, and at the same time to give a street of uniform width, and grade, which all future improvements or alterations should accommodate themselves. As usual, it met with an injunction, and so for years the good people on that street have waited in vain for a better way, the only real statue in town, waiting like an ex-boss of New York, to see what the rest of the people were going to do about it. To be sure no fences can be built, no houses set with certainty, or a railroad bridge built without a costly effort to determine the lines of the former survey. And patience herself confesses a sense of weariness and disgust as she sees fences set on one line, or another as the caprice or caprice of the owner may dictate. Now, Messieurs Editors, can't something be done, not talked about? Can't the lines be laid, the stakes set, and the fences put where they belong by the fiat of the Town Committee, or other township commission? We wait hopefully. It will be a beginning. A sidewalk will then seem a possibility.

REFORM.

Brookdale Brass.

He was a good specimen of a Jerseyite, and he was in want of a little money, went in and asked for it like a little man, as he was. And he asked in such a lordly way that the storekeeper thought he might need about half a keg or some such little amount, and he asked his answer. They were trying to meet the reduction, said this cautious dealer; but they could sell him a moderate supply.

"Yes, I heard tobacco was down," said the would-be purchaser.  
"Yes," said the storekeeper, somewhat between a question and a remark.  
"Well, my friend," said the stranger, "pein' as it's down, perhaps you wouldn't mind givin' a feller a pipeful."

The dealer handed it out.  
"Well, now, my friend, you hain't got an end of a broken pipe layin' around, hev' you?"

So the dealer handed it out.  
"Say, spose you let me hev another pipeful o' that there tobacco to smoke when this is gone."

And the dealer handed it out.  
"I say, can't you give me a match, my friend?"

And the dealer handed them out.  
"I hear cigars is comin' down, too," remarked the visitor.  
But the dealer gasped—for an idea had struck him. "No," said he, "cigars have gone up."

"How long since?" inquired the stranger, with every appearance of deep concern.  
The dealer put his elbows on the counter. On his hands he rested his chin. Above his chin he put his tongue into the left hand corner of his cheek. Then with a voice broken by emotion and tremulous through the remarkable position in which he had been forced, he solemnly said: "Yes, cigars have gone up. They went up just about as you came in. The stranger stared. He took a whiff or two at his pipe. He scratched his head. And then he walked out. But he didn't buy any tobacco.

IN A PARIS saloon some one was telling the story of a man who was just reported to have been eaten by cannibals. Every one was pitying the poor victim. "It is horrible," said Goudinet, "but at least he had the consolation of knowing that he was loved for himself."

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